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1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS DURING PAST TWO DAYS, INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU CHIEF CHONG U-YONG AND UNITED NATIONS DIVISION CHIEF YI CHONG-PIN HAVE INDICATED THEY ARE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING NEXT STEP WITH REGARD TO CORE GROUP. ON APRIL 19 YI TOLD US MOFA HAD SENT TELEGRAM APRIL 18 TO FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO IS NOW PRESIDING OVER ROK CHIEF OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN PARIS, ASKING FOR AUTHORITY TO TAKE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS IN CAPITALS REGARDING CONVENING CORE GROUP. EMBOFF STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING CORE GROUP ACTIVITIES OUT OF THE PRESS IN ORDER TO AVOID STIRRING UP NORTH KOREANS AND YI AGREED, WARNING AT SAME TIME THAT AS FUROR IN ROK PRESS OVER U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS DIED DOWN UN-KOREA ISSUE WOULD BEGIN TO ATTRACT SPECULATIVE ATTENTION IN ROK PRESS. (BY IMPLICATION YI APPEARED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNSELING FOR EARLY, QUIET CORE GROUP MEETING BEFORE ROK PRESS GETS ON THE SCENT.)

2. ON APRIL 20, WE INFORMALLY FLOATED DEPARTMENT'S THINKING CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL ABOUT INFORMAL WORKING LEVEL CORE GROUP MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH BUREAU CHIEF CHONG. CHONG SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THIS OVER AND WOULD BE BACK

TO US EARLY DURING WEEK APRIL 25 WITH MOFA THOUGHTS
REGARDING CORE GROUP.
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